

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Thursday, October 23, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Blackgrove, Kissling, McPherron, Summers and Lehr were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2014 meeting as presented.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the claims as presented.

Ed Curtin of CWC Latitudes, LLC summarized yesterday's meeting in Indianapolis between City officials and State agencies concerning funding of Stellar projects. The Mayor indicated that the plan is to get the Stellar Committee back together and start looking at the projects, develop a priority list and that list would be presented to the Council for their review and approval.

The Mayor presented a proposed agreement between the City and CWC Latitudes, LLC for professional services for project management fees related to the Stellar and possible other projects. The agreement would be for CWC Latitudes, LLC to be paid \$100.00 per hour with a maximum of 960 hours per year, for the term August 22, 2014 through December 31, 2018, with the hours as approved by the Mayor. The agreement also includes that Judy Olinger & Associates be paid \$80.00 per hour with a maximum of 300 hours per year, for the same term, with the hours as approved by the Mayor.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the agreement between the City and CWC Latitudes, LLC.

A proposed 2015 employee salary ordinance was presented, with varying percent increases in salaries, for council review. It was discussed that a few positions have been changed to reflect similar pay for similar positions and other changes where noted. There was discussion on the increases.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Blackgrove and carried that an ordinance be prepared reflecting the 2.5% increase column as the high range of the salaries listed in the proposal.

The Mayor presented a list of proposed holidays to be observed by the City in 2015 for review and approval. He noted that the list contains 12 holidays.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to accept the proposal for 2015 holidays as presented.

Water Superintendent Williams presented his monthly report. He noted the South water tank repaint upgrade project work is now complete and is awaiting inspection. He noted that a signed agreement has been accepted from Mr. Mike Schmett in order to utilize the South water tank tower for communication purposes.

Eric Parsley of Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. presented an overview and excerpt for Council presentation of the Preliminary Engineering Report-Huntingburg Lake Dredging Project. He noted that the City was the recipient of a pre-planning grant from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development to study Huntingburg Lake sedimentation and dredging options. The report was discussed. Water Superintendent Williams is to analyze the report, determine options and make a recommendation for future action.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to accept the report and recommend payment for work completed by Commonwealth Engineers.

Williams noted that he has discussed a possible partnership with a local landfill company to haul away the mechanically removed dredged material.

Williams noted that he has written a preliminary "Private Fire Hydrant Policy" and has given it to Fire Chief Patberg for review. He noted that he has moved some employees around to correct some issues with ongoing technological problems with meters. He also noted that he has written a policy for installation of water meter vaults.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Gas report. He noted that he is one man short and the employee may be off until early spring. He updated the Board on well plugging at the gas storage field. He noted that 4 wells have been capped and the charges will be less than quoted because of using in-house labor.

Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric report. He noted that the underground line installation is complete at the Ewing Properties. Friendship Village and South Park Drive conversions to underground are scheduled for next year.

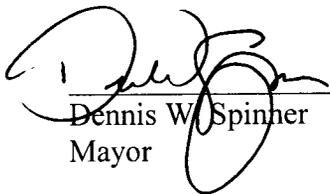
Reutepohler updated the Board on the renovation of the gas garage for an EMS building. He presented a quote for raising overhead garage doors and installing a steel beam from M & M Concrete to replace two rows of block for better support. Three quotes were requested and one was received. The quote from M & M was for \$3,250.00. It was noted that the City will have to buy the steel beam.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Summers and carried to accept the quote from M & M Concrete in the amount of \$3,250.00 for the labor for raising overhead garage doors and installing beam as noted above.

Reutepohler updated the Board on the proposed IMPA Solar Park. He noted that since the land was mined for coal IMPA would like to lease rather than purchase the ground. IMPA would be investing approximately \$2,000,000.00 and would like a 10 year tax abatement phasing taxes in 10% each year. He noted the life expectancy of the solar park is approximately 45 years.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to proceed with the investigation of the potential for leasing to IMPA the acreage they will need for a solar park.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer